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2 February 1968

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : Status of Agency Personnel in the Republic of Vietnam

REFERENCES: A. IN 42321, 2 February 1968  
B. IN 42329, 2 February 1968  
C. IN 42400, 2 February 1968

1. In Reference A, Ambassador Koren advised the Danang Regional Officer that as of 2 a.m., 2 February (EST), he had received names of US civilians currently located at the MACV compound in Hue and that the list did not mention any Agency employees. The welfare of our personnel and their whereabouts remain unknown.

2. Reference B indicates that Agency medical facilities and logistics facilities in Saigon are operating around the clock. Supplies are being drawn from and loaded at Vung Tau for shipment to regions where necessary. Most male personnel at the Duc Hotel [redacted] are armed. Female employees living in unsecure areas have been moved to this hotel. Of the 100 personnel present at the Duc Hotel, two-thirds are male. Agency communications is considered excellent in South Vietnam and in Saigon -- situation considered. Should the Saigon Air Base become inoperational, the Station plans to ship supplies and equipment to regions direct from Okinawa.

3. The last reference (C) indicates that [redacted] was visited on 2 February at 0200 Hours (EST) and is in good spirits and will recover.

[redacted]  
Vietnamese Affairs Staff  
Related Activities Center

Attachments: Refs

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REF: DIRECTOR 70961 \*

1. AMBASSADOR KOREN ADVISED DRO AT 1500 HOURS ON 2 FEBRUARY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NAMES OF U.S. CIVILIANS CURRENTLY LOCATED MACV COMPOUND IN HUE. LIST INCLUDED ONLY ONE RPT ONE CORDS EMPLOYEE. NONE RPT NONE OF PERSONNEL LISTED DANANG 4541 WERE INCLUDED. THEIR WHEREABOUTS AND SITUATION THEREFORE STILL REMAINS UNKNOWN. AMBASSADOR TRANSMITTING NAMES ON LIST TO SAIGON VIA HIS CHANNELS.

2. TO BEST AMBASSADOR'S AND OUR KNOWLEDGE, USMC FORCE STILL ONLY HOLDS LCU RAMP AREA, MACV COMPOUND, AND SECTOR HQS. EFFORTS REACH CORDS OFFICES, INSTALLATIONS, AND RESIDENCES HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

3. DRO HAS HAD HELICOPTER ORBITING OVER HUE ON 2 FEBRUARY IN EFFORT ESTABLISH RADIO CONTACT WITH ANY OUR PERSONNEL. NO POSITIVE RESULTS HAVE YET BEEN RECEIVED.

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\*Requests a listing of all station personnel whose whereabouts and situation are not known to [redacted] Saigon. 3.3(h)(2) 3.5(c)

\*\*Reports that all Region I personnel accounted for except [redacted]

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PRIORITY DIRECTOR, OKINAWA INFO PRIORITY TAIPEI, BIEN HOA,  
CAN THO, DANANG, NHA TRANG

1. FACILITIES AT TAN SON NHUT PERMIT ONLY LIMITED  
AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC UNDER PRESENT SITUATION. SNIPER FIRE  
REQUIRES LIMITED MOBILITY WITHIN SAIGON. ALL PERSONNEL  
ARE NOW TRAVELING ONLY WHEN NECESSARY AND THEN IN PAIRS.  
WEAPONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO ALL PERSONNEL COMPETENT TO USE  
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2. AMERICAN PERSONNEL NOW GUARDING RESIDENCES AND  
OFFICIAL INSTALLATIONS. [MEDICAL FACILITIES AT YENDO AND  
LOG FACILITIES AT TRUONG MINH KY ARE OPERATING AROUND CLOCK.]  
SUPPLIES NOW BEING DRAWN FROM AND LOADED AT VUNG TAU FOR  
SHIPMENT TO REGIONS WHEN NECESSARY.]

3. MOST OF OUR MALE PERSONNEL AT THE DUC HOTEL ARE  
ARMED AND, WHEN IN INSECURE AREAS, WOMEN HAVE BEEN MOVED  
TO DUC. PRESENT DUC HOTEL POPULATION NUMBERS 100, TWO-THIRDS  
OF WHICH ARE MALES.

4. CONSIDERING THE SITUATION, WE HAVE EXCELLENT  
COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM AND IN THE CITY OF

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5. SHOULD TAN SON NHUT BECOME INOPERATIVE FOR A SUFFICIENT PERIOD OF TIME, OUR PLAN CALLS FOR SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES DIRECT FROM OKINAWA TO EACH OF THE REGIONS.

6. FOR OKIE: WILL LOAD HMO MENTIONED IN [REDACTED] IF SITUATION PERMITS.

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MR. KENNETH FERGUSON WAS VISITED THIS DATE 1900 HRS. HE IS  
 IN GOOD SPIRITS AND WILL RECOVER.

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